

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1 - 8 are amended and claims 9 - 23 are cancelled. Claim 8 is amended to fix the typographical error identified by the Examiner.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants are enclosing a copy of the article previously cited via a PTO - Form 1449. Applicants request consideration of this document and a return of an initialed copy of the attached 1449.

Rejection of Claims

Applicants have generally incorporated the limitations of claim 9 into claim 1 and thus claims 1 and dependent claims 2 - 8 are patentable. Amended claim 1 does not utilize some of the language of claim 9 that referred to a specific priority selection algorithm since that language is already in claim 24. Therefore, either through amendment or cancellation, each claim rejection is addressed.

New Claims

Inasmuch as the allowed claims are method claims, Applicants have added new claims of similar scope for computer-readable medium and system embodiments. Applicants submit that these claims are patentable as well for the same reasons set forth by the Examiner in the statement of reasons for allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

Having addressed all rejections, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application's remaining claims is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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